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**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

**NAGASAKA et al.**

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**For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CHARACTER  
STRING SEARCH IN IMAGE**

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**RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

**Sir:**

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated March 12, 2007, and the Advisory Action mailed on June 22, 2007, for which the due date for responding is set to expire on July 12, 2007, with a Request for Continued Examination and a one-month extension filed herewith. Please reconsider the above-identified application as follows: